

object of her solicitude. Is there anything more inspiring than the bond of confidence between mother and son? Surely the angels look down and smile. A child properly trained at home is a source of joy to his teachers all along the line. The simple path of obedience is the way of wisdom, righteousness, truth and the world has at last come to the knowledge that "to redeem and reclaim mankind the work *must* begin with children," and nowhere is the work carried on better than in a systematic, thorough Sunday-school. They who are fitted by natural disposition for the special work they undertake, accomplish the best results. We all know the first qualification for a Sunday-school teacher is a personal love for God; second, a real fondness for children and young people. To a teacher inexperienced, I would say, Tell your class what you know, what God has done for *you*, of answered prayers, the joy of doing good, speaking kind words, the satisfaction that comes from working for the Lord every opportunity. Tell the story of some of your own temptations and victories, that a moral may shine forth.

The minds of boys are prone to wander, therefore draw the class close around you, ask them questions pertaining to the lesson, encourage them in asking questions, get them to talking. Be so well possessed by your subject that you can look each pupil in the face with eyes sincere and earnest. Lay before them whatever you hear, read, see upon the subject under consideration, remembering that even the tone of voice carries conviction. Make each boy feel that *you* are his friend, show your interest by word and deed. Give each one something to do, such as finding references and reading them, looking up the history of some particular character, locating places on the map, appoint one secretary of the class, etc. If possible entertain them at your home occasionally, take pains to speak to them *everywhere*. This is a portrayal of the method adopted by the teacher of *my* class of boys, as nearly as pen can picture it. But now as our boys are out from us to fight the battles of life, who is it that has the greatest opportunity of doing them good? Men? Yes. I would appeal to every manly man to become interested in the welfare, in the morality, in the success of our boys. Have you a boy? Then ask God to make your duty plain. *You have not a boy?* Then your opportuni-

ties are world wide, be a conscientious friend to every boy within your reach, hold his confidence sacred, warn him of dangers that lie thickly along his pathway, help him to withstand the evil temptations that allure him on every side, show him the necessity of a careful choice of companions, teach him by example to keep himself pure and unspotted from the world, point out to him the scripture; "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and if any man defile the temple, him shall God destroy." I Cor. 3:16-17.

Look at the subject on the "privilege side" and you will thank the all-wise Father that he allowed you to be his instrument in the word nearest his heart.—*Saving our boy's soul and body.*
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HOW MAY WE AID THE CAUSE OF MISSIONS?

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It is with much gratification that we find a disposition obtaining in our church which may lead to the perfecting of a system of missionary efforts, both domestic and foreign. It is a healthful omen, too, that the S. S. C. E.'s are making missions the subject of conference and prayer.

The question before us is, "How may we Aid the Cause of Missions?" I think of two ways; among many oth-

ers, the statement of which may subserve the purpose of this paper.

First. We may hold ourselves in readiness to respond to the call of the Master to go and teach all nations. This attitude, observe however, must be regulated, in some measure, by the circumstances under which we are placed in the Providence of God. The blessed Christ does not issue commands to do impossible things. He does not ask a mother to forsake her family and little ones, who are dependent on her care and training, to labor among the heathen. That mother's call is at home, in the main, as her best and lawful field, and she will be sadly out of place, and indeed a serious hindrance, except in the usual and ordinary avenues and openings of simple religious life. But we, as Christian women, should have our lives so completely under subjection to the obedience of Christ, that his will once expressed, shall bring immediate and cheerful response on our part. Like young Isaiah, when God called, answering back bravely, "Here am I, send me." Like Paul (then Saul of Tarsus) on his way to Damascus; like Savonarola at Florence; like Luther in his lonely cell at the monastery; like the student at Oxford, determining that the world should be his parish—like these children of God, to each call of the Master, may our hearts say, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" "Here am I, send me."

I have simply stated this first way to aid the cause of missions, because our obligation along this line is so obvious from every understanding of the sacred Scriptures.

The next mode of help comes from personal service at home. Permit me to detail a few of the most important services:

First. The inaugurating of a permanent prayer meeting, once during each month, at which the subject should be some phase of missionary work. Let it be the understanding that, at the appointed times, all the S. S. C. E.'s in the sisterhood shall offer prayer for the cause.

Second. The financial support of the cause. Why should not the S. S. C. E.'s of our church send one sister at least, as S. S. C. E. missionary to the domestic or foreign fields? If this were too great an undertaking at first, why should they not assist the brotherhood in opening up new fields both at home and abroad?

Third. The following service may be included in the first, tho we men-